

**T-831 - DITCH MAINTENANCE (10/07)**

831.01 Description

This Section provides for routine maintenance of various types of ditches to provide a waterway which is unobstructed, as shown on the ROAD LISTING or DESIGNATED ON THE GROUND.

831.02 Maintenance Requirements

- A. Maintain ditches by removing rock, soil, wood, and other materials. Maintained ditches shall function to meet the intent of the original design.
- B. Undercutting backslopes during removal operations is not permitted.
- C. Suitable material up to 4 inches in greatest dimension removed from the ditches may be blended into existing native road surface and shoulder or placed in designated berm.
- D. Do not blend material from ditch cleaning operations into aggregate surfaced roads. Do not blade material across aggregate or bituminous surfaced roads, unless approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.
- E. Haul material in excess of 831.02 D or subject to 831.02 E to a designated waste area under Section T-832. Remove excess materials temporarily stored on the ditch slope or edge of the shoulder daily.
- F. Remove limbs and wood chunks in excess of 12 inches in length or 3 inches in diameter from ditches and place outside the roadway.
- G. Clean paved surfaces of all materials resulting from ditch maintenance work.
- H. Shape lead-off ditches to drain away from the traveled way.
- I. Where DESIGNATED ON THE GROUND, included in the ROAD LISTING, SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS or as ordered by the Contracting Officer invasive species of concern prevention practices shall be followed as listed below.

<b>Invasive Species of Concern Prevention Practices</b>
<i>To be filled in by local FS invasive plant specialist, if applicable.</i>

**T-834 - DRAINAGE STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE (10/07)**

834.01 Description

This work consists of cleaning and reconditioning culverts and other drainage structures.

834.02 Maintenance Requirements

- A. Clean drainage structures, inlet structures, culverts, catch basins, and outlet channels specified in the SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS. Clean catch basins by removing the material within the area SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS.
- B. Clean the transition from the ditch line to the catch basin a distance of 10 feet from the catch basin. Clean outlet channels and lead-off ditches a distance of 6 feet. Remove and place debris and vegetation so as to not enter the channel or ditch, or obstruct traffic. Haul debris and vegetation to a designated disposal area in accordance with Section T-832.
- C. Hydraulic flushing of drainage structures is not allowed unless provided for in the SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS.
- D. Cleaning and reconditioning are limited to the first 3 feet of inlet and outlet, determined along the top of the structure. Recondition culvert inlet and outlet by field methods such as jacking out or cutting away damaged metal which obstructs flow. Treat cut edges with a zinc rich coating, in accordance with AASHTO M 36M and ASTM A 849.
- E. Where DESIGNATED ON THE GROUND, included in the ROAD LISTING, SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS or as ordered by the Contracting Officer invasive species of concern prevention practices shall be followed as listed below.

<b>Invasive Species of Concern Prevention Practices</b>
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**T-838 - MAINTENANCE FOR HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLE USE (05/07)**

838.01 Description

This work consists of making limited use roads passable for project use by Purchaser and providing drainage from the traveled way and roadbed.

838.02 Maintenance Requirements

A. Traveled Way

Purchaser may smooth or fill existing cross ditches and water bars and as approved by the Contracting Officer modify existing road junctions to enable vehicle access. The Purchaser may perform the following work prior to beginning haul and resumption of haul after an extended stoppage:

1. Remove brush, fallen trees, rocks, and other debris from traveled way, including turnouts, turnarounds, and other locations that interfere with needed maintenance as follows:
  - a. No object extending over 4 inches above the road surface shall remain within the 12 feet usable traveled way. Center the usable width on the roadbed or position away from the fill slope.
  - b. Cut and remove standing or down trees, logs, brush, and limbs from within the area described in 1(a). Remove encroaching limbs to a height of 14 feet above the traveled way surface. Scatter material not meeting utilization standards outside and below the roadbed on the fill side. Limb and remove timber that meets utilization standards or deck at locations approved by the Contracting Officer.
  - c. Place all removed materials away from drainages.
  - d. During use, maintain drainage structures including dips, ditches and culverts in a usable condition.
2. Clean and recondition drainage facilities in accordance with Section T-831 and T-834.

B. Slough and Slides

1. Slough and slides may be left in place, provided surface drainage is provided and at least 12 feet of width is available for vehicle passage.

2. Purchaser may reposition or ramp over slides and slough when the traveled way width is less than 12 feet providing the material is capable of supporting vehicles. Limit out slope to no more than six percent.
3. Reposition slough or slide materials, which are not capable of supporting a vehicle, on the roadbed to provide the 12 feet width. When directed by the Contracting Officer, slough or slide material will be removed under Section T-832.

C. Slumps and Washouts

1. Drain the roadbed immediately upgrate of slumps and longitudinal cracks to prevent water from entering slump area.
2. Slumps and longitudinal cracks at the edge of the roadbed shall not be considered a part of the usable width. Usable width may be reduced to 10 feet in the area of the slump.
3. Unless the Contracting Officer approves material being placed on slumps, ramp the slumps on both ends into undisturbed roadbed to provide at least 10 feet usable width. Use removed materials to guide vehicles to the ramp location or to aid in draining the area.
4. Washouts may be filled with suitable material.

D. Posthaul

At the end of hauling or prior to entering into seasonal shutdowns or a period of extended inactivity:

1. Shape the traveled way and disturbed roadbed to provide functional drainage.
2. Reinstall removed cross ditches and water bars and provide any additional drainage structures necessary to offset changes caused through use and maintenance.
3. Leave roads useable for high clearance vehicles. Remove or reshape purchaser modifications at road junctions to leave the entrance as it was before use, or as agreed at the time of improvement.